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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM: JUAN JOSE REINOSO

REF: 2 FAM 228.5

1. FOLLOWING DATA IS FORWARDED REGARDING REQUEST FOR ASYLUM BY NAMED PWESON WHO APPEARED AT THE EMBASSY MORNING OF AUGUST 29, 1978. (DATA FOLLOWS FORMAT IN REFERENCE.)
A. JUAN JOSE REINOSO, ARGENTINE.
B. DOB UNKNOWN, ARGENTINE INTERNAL SECURITY AUXILIARY.
C. IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY FEDERAL SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE, ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE (SEGURIDAD FEDERAL, INTELIGENCI) IDENTIFYING SUBJECT AND HIS RANK AS "AUXILIAR DE SEGUNDA" (AUXILIARY, SECOND CLASS).
D. SUBJECT CLAIMS NO FOREIGN AUTHORITY AWARE OF REQUEST FOR ASYLUM AT TIME OF REQUEST.
E. SUBJECT WALKED INTO CONSULAR SECTION AND REQUESTED TO SPEAK WITH AN AMERICAN OFFICER CONCERNING ASYLUM, AS HE BELIEVED HIS LIFE WAS THREATENED.
F. PLACE OF RESIDENCE UNKNOWN.
G. SUBJECT STATED THAT HE HAS WORKED IN THE ANTI-SUBVERSION AREA FOR THE GOA SINCE 1974. DURING THAT TIME HE PARTICIPATED IN MANY INTERROGATIONS, SEARCHES, AND SHOOTOUTS WITH EXTREMISTS. IMMEDIATE REASON FOR REQUEST
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FOR ASYLUM AS FOLLOWS: SOME TIME AGO (EXACT TIME NOT SPECIFIED, BUT DURING 1978) SUBJECT AND SEVERAL OF HIS "WORK" MATES LEARNED OF A MONEY EXCHANGE TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN A COURIER AND AN EXTREMIST. THE GROUP CAUGHT THE "BAG MAN" AND IN RETURN FOR HIS LIKFE TOOK THE MONEY. SUBJECT DESCRIBED THE MONEY AS "THE MOST US DOLLARS HE HAD EVER SEEN." (SUBSEQUENT REFERENCES TO THE MONEY LEADS INTERVIEWING CONSULAR OFFICER TO BELIEVE IT WAS MORE THATN US $100,000.) THE MONEY WAS SPLIT AMONG THEMSELVES AND THEY DID NOT REPORT THE OPERATION TO THEIR SUPERIORS.

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SOME TIME LATER, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, WHILE DRUNK, BRAGGED ABOUT THE TAKE. ALL WHO PARTICIPATED HAVE SINCE BEEN DETAINED EXCEPT THE SUBJECT, WHO RECEIVED WARNING. SUBJECT BELIEVES HE WILL BE CAPTURED AND TORTURED TO LEARN LOCATION OF HIS SHARE OF THE TAKE. SUBJECT STATED HE WILL NOT SUBMIT TO TORTURE AS HE KNOWS WHAT IT IS LIKE AND HE WOULD NOT STAND UP TO IT. SUBJECT STATED HE WOULD KILL HIMSELF INSTEAD WITH CYANIDE PILL HE ALWAYS CARRIES WITH HIM. SUBJECT REQUESTED THAT HE AND HIS FAMILY BE GRANTED ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES IN RETURN FOR WHICH HE WOULD REVEAL ALL HIS CONTATCTS, WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED, NAMES OF HIS SUPERIORS, AND ALL ANTI-SUBVERSION ACTIONS HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN.
H. NO KNOWN CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST SUBJECT.
I. CLAIMS NO COMMUNIST OR OTHER PARTY AFFILIATIONS.

2. SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE IN HIS EARLY 30S AND STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN ON THE RUN FOR LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. HIS ATTITUDE WAS VERY GUARDED, YET SOMEWHAT FLIPPANT.

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3 [redacted] WAS INFORMED OF SUBJECT'S PRESENCE IN THE EMBASSY
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3.3(b)(1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH POST GUIDELINES. [redacted] OFFICER JOINED CONSULAR OFFICER DURING THE INTERVIEW. AFTER SUBJECT DEPARTED, [redacted] OFFICER STATED THAT [redacted] WAS INTERESTED IN THE INFORMATION SUBJECT COULD PROVIDE, BUT THAT IT DID NOT FORM BASIS FOR GRANTING ASYLUM. CONSULAR OFFICER ALSO OF OPINION THAT SUBJECT NOT QUALIFIED FOR ASYLUM OR REFUGEE STATUS.

4. PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE, HE AGREED TO CALL CONSULAR OFFICER TO LEARN OF OUR DECISION REGARDING HIS REQUEST FOR ASYLUM. CONSULAR OFFICER ACCOMPANIED SUBJECT FROM THE BUILDING TO EMBASSY SECURITY CHECKPOINT WHERE TWO WEAPONS AND EXTRA AMMUNITION WERE RETURNED TO SUBJECT.

5. ON SEPTEMBER 5, [redacted] OFFICER ENCOUNTERED SUBJECT AT EMBASSY GATE AND INFORMED HIM THAT WE WERE NOT INTERESTED IN GRANTING HIM THE REQUESTED ASYLUM. SUBJECT THEN STATED THAT HE CERTAINLY COULD ENTER THE UNITED STATES BY ILLEGAL MEANS AND HE WOULD DO SO. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ALERT INS. 3.3(b)(1)
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